

Some residents say they are yet to get flood relief

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Hyderabad: Dozens of flood-affected victims of the Old City have knocked the doors of relevant authorities saying that the monetary help being provided as an immediate relief by the state government has eluded them.

Officials, accompanied with local leaders have visited flood-hit areas to hand over cash among the affected families. However, the relief has eluded some beneficiaries. “My house wall collapsed in recent rains and my utensils got damaged. The government announced they would help out affected families. But to my surprise, officials sent me back asking me to come once the entire house collapses,” alleged one of the residents, Nanda Kishora from Gowlipura.

TDP minority cell demanded a probe and sought clarification on the intervention of local leaders in the money distribution process. “Affected families are not being taken into consideration by officials. Many families are sent back saying to consult concerned officials. But when they arrive in the areas, they do not want to listen to affected people. Some party workers are being called and cash is being handed over to selected people,” said Mohammed Ahmed, TDP GHMC minority cell vice president.

“The entire matter should be probed without any further delay and actual affected families should be provided help,” added Ahmed. GHMC officials said they will look into the issue. “There are 50 families in Qadria colony and a member claiming to be affected received Rs 20,000 without verification,” alleged Mohamed Khasim, a resident.